

# Delta Dialogues

- **Changing Our Perspective: New Ways of Thinking about the Delta--**  
**October 18, 2011**
- **Shift thinking from “problem to be solved, to messes that can be managed.”**



- **Dr. Jeff Conklin and Dr. Ian Mitroff**
- **Video available at Conservancy's website:**  
**<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov>**

# Social Complexity = Wicked Problems = Gridlock



# Background

- Conservancy approached to coordinate a new process using techniques discussed in the roundtable
- Three meetings to clarify intent, goals, and approach
- Secured funding for six-month pilot project
- Additional design team meetings prior to first Delta Dialogues meeting
- First meeting March 25, 2012, at Cosumnes River Preserve and McCormack-Williamson Tract



# Participants in 2013-14 Delta Dialogues

The Conservancy's issue-based dialogue allows traditional stakeholders (water purveyors, state and federal agencies), in-Delta residents (farmers, local governments), and other non-governmental organizations (recreational associations, environmental organizations) to talk about what really matters to them. Our aim is to be truly inclusive of all Delta stakeholders. This is not meant to be another closed door meeting. For the purposes of enabling truly transformative dialogue, and ensuring we have the consistent participation necessary to build trusted relationships, we are kicking off this process with a smaller, representative group.



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# Structured Freeform Conversation

- Check-ins
- **Root question**
  - **Dialogue Map**  
captures context,  
connections of  
conversation
- Next steps
- Check-outs



# Surprise

- At October 2012 meeting, stakeholders identified the biggest issue as **TRUST**

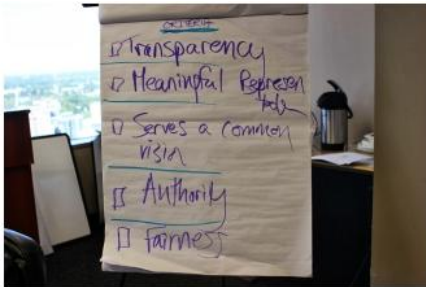


# Phase II

- Began in May 2013
- Grant funding for four months
- Commitment for a year-long process
- Adding key voices
- Main issue: Governance
  - To BDCP or Not To BDCP? *Shifted focus to*
  - Conveyance



# Delta Dialogues Criteria for Good Governance



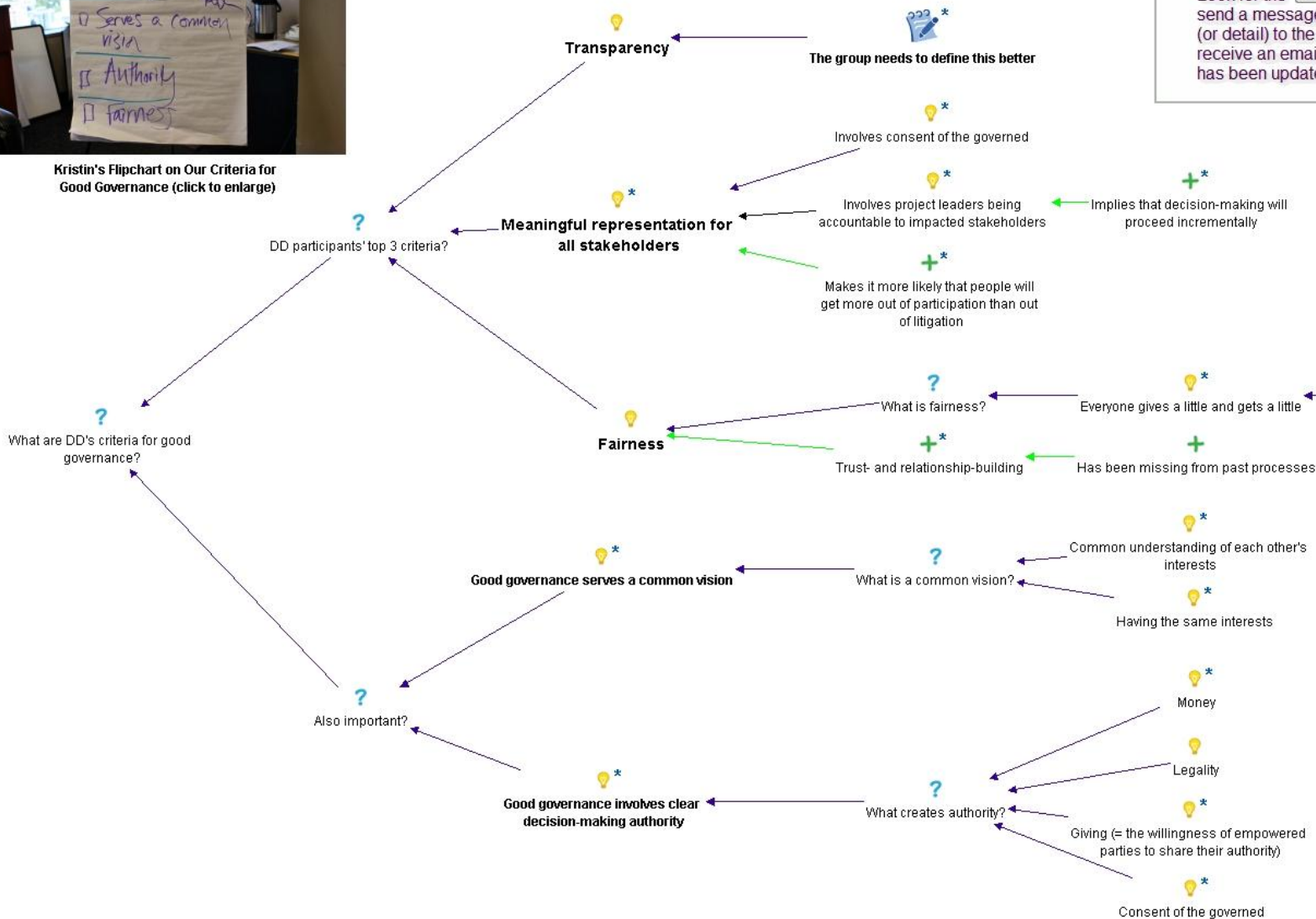
Kristin's Flipchart on Our Criteria for Good Governance (click to enlarge)

## Questions? Comments? Corrections?

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Might be worth exploring further...



# Comments

- “We may say things differently, but its good to know that frequently we are thinking the same things.”
- *I thought the information--just the exchange of ideas--and the participation, particularly the supervisors, by in-Delta interests—was very helpful.”*
- “It's a positive sign that we're having this conversation this close to BDCP coming out, and the water contractors aren't saying 'No way, no how!’”

# Next Steps

- **Influence other processes**
  - Delta Plan Implementation
  - BDCP
- **Fundraising**
  - Annenberg Foundation
  - James Irvine Foundation
  - Davenport Institute
- **Getting the word out**



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- For more information about the Delta Dialogues please see our website at:

[www.delta/groupaya.com](http://www.delta/groupaya.com)

Or watch our video on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIPXVVVhIE8>